

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/614,292
Applicant : Steven HARTMAN
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Examiner : Mark EASHOO

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Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE

Sir:

This responds to the Office Action mailed October 3, 2005 in the above-noted application.

The Examiner has requested a restriction of the application to one of the following groups of claims:

Group I. Claims 1 to 8

Group II. Claims 9 to 10

Group III. Claims 11 to 16

The Examiner notes that "inventions of group I and II are related as process of making a product... In this case the product is claimed to be made by another materially different process such as one that rotates the extrudate rather than the coating device". The applicant respectfully disagrees.

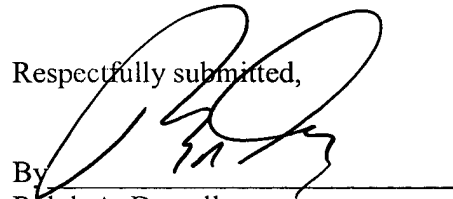
Claims in group II as characterized depend on claim 2. Thus, the claims are directed to a product as made by a claimed process. The process is defined by claims in group I. It is therefore not possible to make the claimed products of group II

without using the process of group I. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that groups I and II should be considered together.

The applicant therefore elects group I and group II for further consideration. In the event the Examiner does not accept the applicant's argument, applicant provisionally elects claims in group I.

In view of the foregoing, consideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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